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TAGS: PARM, MILI, SHUM, CB, VM
SUBJ: TRANSMITTAL OF BLOOD SAMPLES DRAWN FROM KHMER ROUGE
- VICTIMS OF "POISON GAS" ATTACK
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1. TWO DIPLOMATIC POUCHES CONTAINING FOUR SYRINGES OF WHOLE BLOOD AND FOUR GLASS BLOOD SLIDES WERE PLACED ABOARD PANAM 001 IN BANGKOK AT 2315 10 OCTOBER. SYRINGES ARE IN BAG NO. G15770 WHICH IS SEALED IN PLASTIC AND WILL BE CARRIED IN AIRCRAFT "CHILLING" MECHANISM. SLIDES ARE IN BAG NO. K4-771. BOTH BAGS ARE FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY ATTACHED PANAM "BILL" NO. 70356624. BAGS ARE TO BE ROUTED THROUGH TO WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT ABOARD PANAM FLIGHT NO. 67 ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 1715 HOURS OCTOBER 11.

2. SYRINGES AND SLIDES ARE ATTACHED TO PIECES OF CARDBOARD

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WHICH CONTAIN HAND-WRITTEN DATA IDENTIFYING SAMPLES AS TO SOURCE. (NOTES WERE PREPARED IN FIELD [redacted] B1A4
[redacted] SLIDES ARE IN DELICATE CONDITION SEALED IN FIELD ONLY WITH TAPE. SYRINGES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVELY SEALED THOUGH HEPARIN ADDED TO SAMPLES IN THE FIELD APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INEFFECTIVE IN PREVENTING CLOTTING.

3. FOLLOWING DATA REGARDING EACH PATIENT FROM WHOM BLOOD WAS DRAWN WERE ELICITED BY [redacted] B1A4

4. SOURCE NUMBER 1: SOURCE, [redacted] SUFFERED "POISON GAS" ATTACK ON SEPTEMBER 19 NEAR TAKONG (UNLOC). SOURCE INITIALLY SMELLED SOMETHING SIMILAR TO "PERFUME" AND A ROACH POWDER NAMED "ANDRIN" (NFI). WITHIN TWO MINUTES SOURCE EXPERIENCED A DRY THROAT AND BEGAN VOMITING. OVER THE FIRST DAY FOLLOWING THE ATTACK SOURCE SUFFERED BLURRED VISION AS IF HE HAD SMOKE IN HIS EYES. SOURCE SAID THAT [redacted] SOME WERE ABLE TO RUN 100 METERS AFTER THE ATTACK BEFORE DROPPING. SOME DIED "INSTANTLY" AT B1A9 B1A4 B1A4

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THE SITE OF THE ATTACK. DURING THE SECOND DAY, SOURCE DEVELOPED BLOODY DIARRHEA WHICH LASTED TWO DAYS AND FELT HE HAD GAS IN HIS STOMACH. SOURCE EXPERIENCES DIFFICULTY BREATHING, ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT WHEN IT IS COLD. SOURCE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES AFTER THE ATTACK BUT HAS NOT LOST CONSCIOUSNESS SINCE. A PHYSICAL EXAM[redacted] B1 A4 REVEALED THE FOLLOWING: LUNGS CLEAR BUT STRONG PAIN WITH RESPIRATORY INSPIRATION; CARDIAC RATE WAS 92 AND REGULAR; THE ABDOMEN WAS SOFT AND BOWEL SOUNDS WERE NORMAL; THERE WAS REBOUND TENDERNESS BETWEEN THE ABDOMEN AND THORAX AND SLIGHT TENDERNESS AROUND THE LIVER AND SPLEEN; SOURCE HAD BEEN CONSTIPATED FOR TWO DAYS AT TIME OF EXAMINATION; URINE AND STOOL WERE ORANGE; THERE WAS NO SIGN OF ANEMIA.

5. SOURCE NUMBER 2: [redacted] SUFFERED ATTACK SEPTEMBER 19 [redacted] AS SOURCE 1. B1A9 B1A4 SOURCE'S INITIAL SYMPTOMS AFTER ATTACK WERE SAME AS SOURCE 1, BUT SOURCE 2 WAS IN A COMA FOR 20 HOURS AFTER ATTACK. PHYSICAL EXAM[redacted] REVEALED THE FOLLOWING: CARDIAC RATE WAS 80 AND REGULAR; BLOOD PRESSURE WAS 90/60; LUNGS WERE CLEAR; THERE WAS REBOUND TENDERNESS BETWEEN THE ABDOMEN AND THORAX; SOURCE SHOWED NO ANEMIA; SOURCE HAD BEEN CONSTIPATED FOR TWO DAYS; URINE WAS ORANGE; SOURCE COMPLAINED OF PAIN IN SPLEEN AREA AND OF BLURRED VISION; SOURCE COMPLAINED OF FRONTAL HEADACHE AND DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING AT NIGHT.

6. SOURCE NUMBER 3: [redacted] SUFFERED ATTACK SEPTEMBER 19 [redacted] B1A9 B1A4 [redacted] SOURCE SUFFERED SAME SYMPTOMS AS 1 AND 2 AFTER ATTACK BUT EXPERIENCED INTERMITTANT COMA FOR 1 TO 2 HOURS AFTER ATTACK. PHYSCIAL EXAM[redacted] REVEALED FOLLOWING: CARDIAC RATE 84 AND REGULAR; BLOOD PRESSURE 110/58; RESPIRATION RATE 20; LUNGS WERE CLEAR; THERE WAS TENDERNESS AT THE SPLEEN AND LIVER AS WELL AS REBOUND TENDERNESS BETWEEN THE ABDOMEN; THERE WAS SOME EDEMA OF THE EYELIDS. B1A4

7. SOURCE NUMBER 4: [redacted] SUFFERED ATTACK SEPTEMBER 19 [redacted] B1A9 B1A4 [redacted] HIS SYMPTOMS INITIALLY FOLLOWING THE ATTACK WERE SAMES AS SOURCES 1, 2 AND 3. SOURCE HAD BLOODY DIARRHEA FOR FIVE DAYS ; HIS URINE WAS ORANGE; SOURCE COMPLAINED OF A HEADACHE WHEN IT WAS COLD SUFFERED BLURRED VISION AND NIGHTMARES; SOURCE ALSO COMPAINED OF COLD FINGERS AND LEGS (SKIN WAS COLD AND MOIST); CARDIAC RATE WAS 80; RESPIRATION RATE WAS 26; BLOOD PRESSURE WAS 118/78; LUNGS WERE CLEAR THOUGH SOURCE COMPLAINED OF REPIRATORY PAIN; THE ABDOMEN AND BOWEL SOUNDS WERE QUIET; SOURCE COMPLAINED OF TENDERNESS IN THE AREA OF THE LIVER AND SPLEEN; ABDOMEN WAS VERY TENDER; SOURCE SUFFERED FROM BLOODY DIARRHEA

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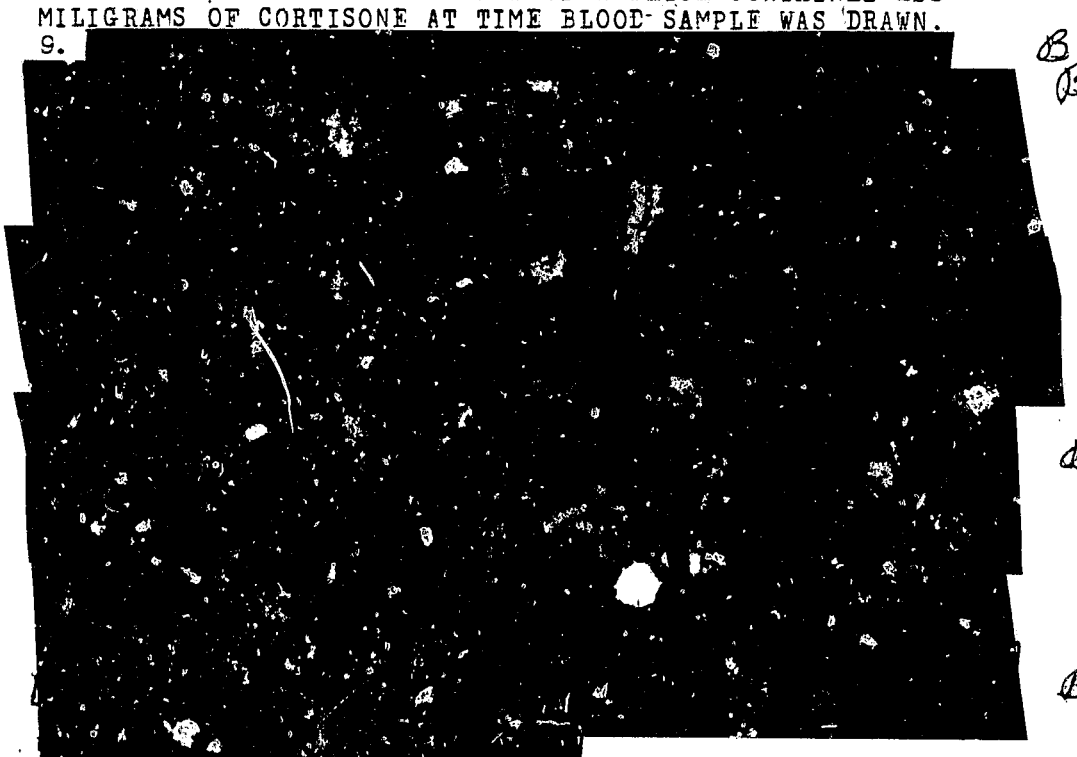
AND BLOODY SPUTUM AT TIME OF EXAMINATION.
8. TREATMENT OF PATIENTS: [redacted] B1A4
[redacted] SERIOUSLY ILL "GAS" VICTIMS WERE TREATED WITH 20-30 LITERS (8-10 DAYS) OF INFUSION WHICH CONTAINED 250-500 MILIGRAMS HYDROCORTISONE PER LITRE; VITAMINS B-1, B-12 AND C; PENICILLIN; CORAMINE AND ATROPINE. SOURCE NUMBER 1 WAS RECEIVING AN INFUSION WHICH CONTAINED 200 MILIGRAMS OF CORTISONE AT TIME BLOOD SAMPLE WAS DRAWN.
9. [redacted] B1A1 B1A9



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10. ARC NEWS TEAM HERE FILMING DOCUMENTARY ON "POISON GAS" IS AWARE BLOOD SAMPLES HAVE BEEN SENT TO U.S. AND

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